

Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office of the Governor

Whereas, Blood cancers currently afflict an estimated 670,000 Americans, and more than 106,000 new cases are expected this year; and,

Whereas, Leukemia, lymphoma, and myeloma will kill an estimated 58,300 people in the United States in 2003; and,

Whereas, The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society, through voluntary contributions, is dedicated to finding cures for these cancers by funding leading-edge researchers and providing resources and support to patients with blood cancers and their families; and,

Whereas, The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society maintains an office in Minnesota to support patients with these diseases and their family members in the state of South Dakota; and,

Whereas, The state of South Dakota is similarly committed to the eradication of these diseases and supports the treatment of its citizens who suffer from them; and,

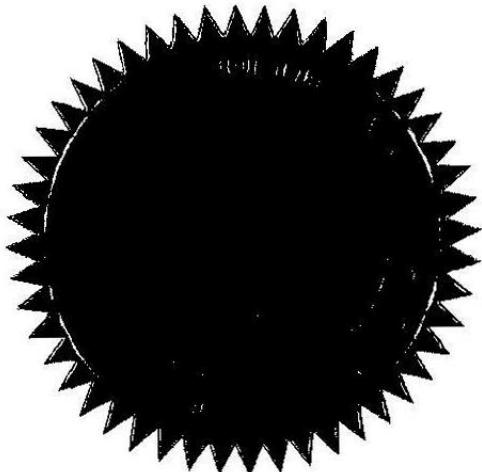
Whereas, The state of South Dakota encourages private efforts to enhance research funding, education programs, and patient services that address these diseases:

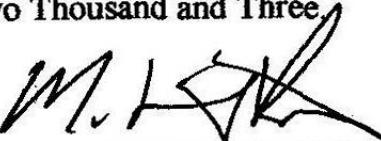
Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim the month of September 2003, as

LEUKEMIA, LYMPHOMA & MYELOMA AWARENESS MONTH

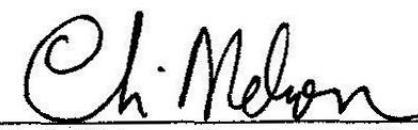
in South Dakota, to enhance the understanding of blood cancers and encourage participation in voluntary activities that support education programs, services to patients, and the funding of research programs to find cures.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Eighteenth Day of August in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Three.




M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:




Chris Nelson, Secretary of State